(b) whether 86 per cent of the India's working population work in the unorganised sector without access to any form of social security like PF, gratuity and bonus etc.;

(c) whether according to the report nearly 80 per cent of workers in the unorganised sector live on less than Rs. 20/- per day; and

(d) whether small and marginal farmers spend more than what they earn and land in debt traps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The concerned Report has been given recently to the Government. As per the Report, at the end of 2004-05, about 836 million or 77% of the population were living below Rs. 20/- per day. It is also reported that there has been an increase in indebtedness of the farmer households to meet the production expenditure and consumption needs.

To provide social security to the workers in the unorganized sector, Government is considering enactment of Central Legislation during the current Session of Parliament.

Revamping social security plan for unorganised sector

2403. SHRIMATI N.P. DUGRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to revamp the social security plan for the unorganised sector;

(b) whether his Ministry's proposal to create a 'social security corpus' has been opposed by the Finance Ministry;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the other benefits that Government propose through social security scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES) (a) to (d) The Unorganised Sector Workers Social Security Bill and formulation of social security scheme for unorganized workers' are under active consideration and all efforts are being made to introduce the Bill during the current Session of Parliament. The modalities of the scheme and coverage thereof are being examined.

Employment exchange losing their relevance due to liberalization

2404. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employment exchanges established by Government have lost their relevance in the phase of present liberalization;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the situation of unemployed people particularly Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, Women and handicapped people of country have been deteriorated due to the Government's apathy;

(c) if not, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are considering on some proposal for giving the appointment in private sector services through these employment exchanges; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The information on placement of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, women and handicapped effected through Employment Exchanges for the years 2004 and 2005 is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) There is no restriction on recruitment by private sector employers through the services of Employment Exchanges. At present, private sector employers make recruitment by utilizing the services of Employment Exchanges voluntarily.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

Employment Exchange Statistics showing placement of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, Women and Handicapped effected through Employment Exchanges for the year 2004 *and* 2005

Category of jobseekers	Placements effected during 2004 (in thousands)	Placement effected during 2005 (in thousands)
Scheduled Caste	16.0	17.1
Scheduled Tribe	8.4	10.0
Women	24.5	32.4
Physically Handicapped	3.4	3.2
All categories	132.6	173.2

Industry-Institute linkage for enhancing labour productivity

2405. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the measures to promote Industry-Institute linkage form part of the thrust areas for enhancing labour productivity throughout the country;

(b) if so, how many central research Institutes, Universities in Andhra Pradesh have tied up with local industry during the last three years;

(c) what has been the experience from the Industry-Institute tie up in the State and whether the linkages have been able to enhance labour productivity in the State;